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President's Message



Hello Everyone,

With the extreme heat we have been having it's difficult to get out metal detecting. However, I have

heard of some of us venturing out in the heat and getting some great finds.

I would like to give Mike Morey a BIG THANK YOU! for his amazing presentation of Alta Utah History and some of the great finds that he and others have found in Alta.

For this month's meeting, we will be having our Bourse night so come prepared with items to buy, sale or trade and have a great time with friends.

This will be a fantastic night. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Thanks,

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Mike Morey



Mike & Todd



Science demonstration

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Don't forget about the drawing we will
have lots of great prizes



Next Meeting is June 27th

**Please bring in
any Library books
that you have
checked out**

Bring your finds of the
month

Coming together is a beginning:

Keeping together is progress:

Working together is success

Henry Ford

Miscellaneous club news

Next Meeting is June 27th
Columbus Community Center
2530 So. 400 E.

Finds of the month



Please have Shane Poyurs in your thoughts while he
heals from an accident on his motor cycle, and that he
has a speedy recovery.

WILD BILL HICKOK

Born as James Butler Hickok

Born May 27, 1837 in the state of Illinois, near Troy Grove, James Butler Hickok was number four of six children. His father, William Alonzo Hickok, an abolitionist, supported legislation prohibiting slavery. James grew up with the same strong feelings on the issue and often accompanied his father in the wagon which drove runaway slaves to freedom and the chance for a new life.

At nineteen Hickok joined the "Free State Army" and fought in the border war in Kansas and Missouri. After the war he homesteaded 160 acres and built a cabin on it which was destroyed by proslavery advocates on the rampage.

Hickok quarreled with farmers and storekeepers which occasionally involved exchange of gunfire. Consequently, he killed his first man—David McCanles, was arrested, but pleaded self-defense and was released.



As a young man, Hickok drove freight wagons and stagecoaches along the Santa Fe Trail. He fought in the Civil War as a civilian under General Custer. He had many close calls with death as a civilian scout, spy, sharpshooter, and wagon master, and soon earned the nickname, Wild Bill. By the end of the war, Bill's reputation was well known for bravery, loyalty, and skill with a gun. He wasn't afraid of anything and approached danger with reckless abandon. His first job at law enforcement was in Hays, Kansas. From there he was appointed county sheriff in 1869. Several self-appointed gunfighters periodically showed up in town to have a look at Wild Bill Hickok and test their fast-draw skills on him. Unfortunately, some of these aspiring gun-slingers ended up dead.

In the case of Wild Bill Hickok, it is difficult to separate fact from fiction in many of the stories told of him. Nevertheless, Wild Bill Hickok did a good job of keeping the peace in Hays, Kansas. The down side is that he killed many men in the process, including three troopers from the Seventh Cavalry. That event put him in jeopardy with General Sheridan; so, he was discharged from his duties as a law enforcement office.



He went on to become marshal of Abilene, Kansas, a bend-in-the-road town wilder than Hays. Hickok went everywhere heavily armed with two Colt revolvers, a derringer tucked in his pants and a rifle or sawed-off shotgun cradled over one arm. He hired a deputy to help him and they patrolled the streets of Abilene together until one night when Hickok accidentally shot his partner, mistaking him for an outlaw. He was so distraught over what he had done, he gave up law enforcement, left Abilene, and never wore a badge again.

Wild Bill Hickok tried his hand at show business but finally moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming where he took up gambling for a living. While there he married Agnes Lake on March 5, 1876. They honeymooned two weeks in Cincinnati, Ohio before Bill headed west to seek gold. He never saw his wife again.

His final stop in his journey through life was at Deadwood City, South Dakota where he located gold claims for prospectors, intermingled with drinking and gambling.

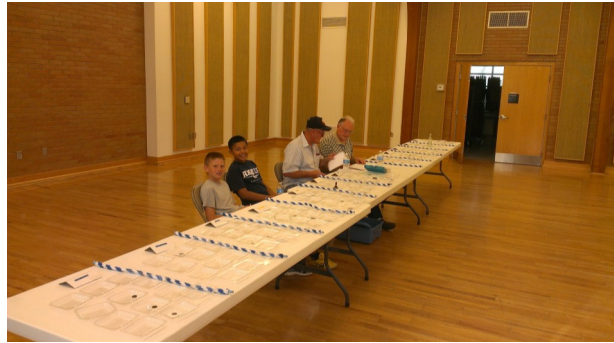


One night, when Wild Bill was playing cards and sitting with his back to the door in his favorite saloon in Deadwood City, notorious Jack McCall entered the room and shot Wild Bill in the back of the head. The legend that has remained is that Bill slumped over the table, holding a pair of aces and a pair of eights in his hand. This combo became known as "the dead man's hand."

Jack McCall was caught, tried for the murder of Wild Bill and found "not guilty." He left Deadwood and went to Cheyenne where he bragged about killing the most famous gunman in the world. A deputy U.S. marshal arrested him, and he was tried again for the murder of Wild Bill Hickok and hung in Yankton, Dakota Territory on March 1, 1877.

The western frontier was a ruthless place filled with outlaws whose only goal was to have a wild time. Wild Bill Hickok, with his flamboyant clothes and long blonde hair, controlled these outlaws and eventually killed off those incapable of reform and forced the rest into new avenues of employment. The frontier could not have developed and progressed without men like Wild Bill Hickok, who took the very precarious occupation of law enforcement, on the turbulent frontier, seriously.

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